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SUBJ: LABOR CONFRONTATION

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1. BEFORE STEPPING DOWN FROM THE SIX-MONTH POST OF PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS OF LABOR, FIDEL VELAZQUEZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFEDERATION OF MEXICAN WORKERS, WON APPROVAL OF CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULED MASS DEMONSTRATION CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JUAREZ FROM MARCH 21 TO MARCH 20. THE LATTER DATE COINCIDES WITH THE IRREVOCABLE PLANS OF THE RADICAL ELECTRIC POWER WORKERS' LEADER AND MARXIST FOLLOWERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROTEST DEMONSTRATION MARCH ON THE SAME DAY CULMINATING IN THE SAME PLACE AS THE LABOR CONGRESS RALLY. AGAIN CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TWO OPPOSING LABOR-POLITICAL FACTIONS SEEMS INEVITABLE. GALVAN DEMONSTRATION PLANS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED TWO TIMES IN THE RECENT PAST WHICH MAKES A THIRD CANCELLATION UNLIKELY. NOR IS IT LIKELY THAT THE CTM ELECTRIC POWER WORKERS WILL READILY ACCEDE TO A CHANGE OF PLANS AFTER AN INCIDENT IN PUEBLA ON MARCH 3, INVOLVING SOME GALVAN FOLLOWERS WHO OBSTRUCTED AND DELAYED REPAIRS TO THE FEDERAL ELECTRIC COMMISSION'S EQUIPMENT THAT HAD FAILED LEAVING MUCH OF PUEBLA WITHOUT POWER FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

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2. THE POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION ON MARCH 20 MAY BE FURTHER EXACERBATED IN THE OTHER ELECTRIC POWER WORKERS

UNION, THE SINDICATO MEXICANO DE ELECTRICISTAS (SME),
LEGALLY STRIKES THE FEDERAL ELECTRIC COMMISSION ON
MARCH 16. THE SME MEMBERSHIP IS CONCENTRATED IN
MEXICO CITY AND SURROUNDING INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITIES.
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